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Security Council

10:00 — 7531st meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Maintenance of international peace and security

Morning[1] — 7532nd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

   Letter dated 19 August 2015 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/654)

   Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2015/655)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7531st meeting.

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

First Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 88 to 105): *item 88* (A/70/139 and A/70/139/Add.1); *item 89* (A/70/29); *item 90*; *item 91*; *item 92* (A/70/174, A/70/172 and A/70/172/Add.1); *item 93* (A/70/153 (Part I) and A/70/153 (Part I)/Add.1); *item 94*; *item 95*; *item 96*; *item 97* (A/70/168, A/70/168/Add.1, A/70/81, A/70/181, A/70/163, A/70/163/Add.1, A/70/164, A/70/164/Add.1, A/70/155, A/70/117, A/70/183, A/70/157, A/70/169, A/70/169/Add.1, A/70/170, A/70/170/Add.1, A/70/182 and A/70/182/Add.1); *item 98* (A/70/116, A/70/138, A/70/114 and A/70/165); *item 99* (A/70/177, A/70/186, A/70/27 and A/70/42); *item 100* (A/70/153 (Part II) (to be issued)); *item 101*; *item 102* (A/70/160 and A/70/160/Add.1); *item 103* (A/70/171 and A/70/159); *item 104*; and *item 105*

[The list of speakers for the general debate *will close today, 9 October 2015*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; Room S-3058). Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, a time limit should be observed of *10 minutes* for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and *15 minutes* for those speaking on behalf of several delegations.

The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit. The list of speakers for thematic discussions will open on Monday, 12 October and close on Thursday, 22 October 2015, at 18:00. The time limit for the thematic discussions is *five minutes* for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and *seven minutes* for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit. The names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Kenji Nakano, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; Room S-3058), by *Wednesday, 14 October at 18:00*.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales, or form A/INF/70/2, will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; Room S-3057). Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Website (*click here*). For inquiries regarding access to QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org). An archived video of a 12-minute technical briefing on QuickFirst, presented by the Secretary of the Committee after the 2nd meeting of the sixty-eighth session, on 4 October 2013, is available by *clicking here*, from 41 minutes 10 seconds to 52 minutes 36 seconds. Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the First Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the First Committee PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only when read out by the delegation.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

15:00 to 18:00 — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

1. Agenda items 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63

General debate

2. Requests for hearings (A/C.4/70/2, A/C.4/70/3, A/C.4/70/4, A/C.4/70/5, A/C.4/70/6 and A/C.4/70/7)

Statements by Representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories and Petitioners on: Gibraltar, New Caledonia, Guam, the Falkland Island (Malvinas)(a dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), French Polynesia and Western Sahara

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the seventieth session of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart4@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) PaperSmart portal *(click here)* only after delivery by delegations. Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Sonia Elliott, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Representatives of Member States wishing to be included in the Fourth Committee mailing list are requested to send an e-mail from an official Permanent Mission e-mail address to 4thcommittee@un.org indicating name, delegation and e-mail address.

Delegates may also follow the open formal meetings of the Committee via Live webcast on the United Nations Web TV website (*click here*). The direct link to the archived videos can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Second Committee

10:00 to 13:00 6th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2

1. General debate *(rolling list)*

Palau

Fiji

Tunisia

State of Palestine

International Renewable Energy Agency

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Food and Agriculture Organization

2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 120]

Discussion on working methods

[The programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the session are available on the website of the Second Committee (*click here*).

The list of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items of the Second Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)).

Deadline for inscription to the lists of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items is *18:00* of the day before the consideration of the item.

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 65/530 on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, delegations are reminded that the time limits of *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general discussion on individual agenda items will be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org).]

Third Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 7th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/70/90–E/2015/81, A/70/93, A/70/99, A/70/94, A/70/121 and A/70/407) [item 106]

2. International drug control (A/70/87–E/2015/79 and A/70/98) [item 107]

   Introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, followed by question time (via video-link)

   Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on each item of the Third Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail slthirdcommittee@un.org). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session, is available by *clicking here*. All delegations that have not yet done so are kindly requested to transmit to the secretariat of the Third Committee, the completed form listing the duly accredited diplomats of their mission wishing to use the eSponsorship platform and QuickPlace. The form should be e-mailed to thirdcommittee@un.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available. Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Fifth Committee

10:00 — 2nd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/70/11 and A/70/69) [item 138]

   Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/70/331) [item 147]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.2

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme planning [135]

   (A/70/16 (Chaps. I, II.A (relevant parts), II.B, III and IV), A/70/72 and A/70/80 (Chap. II))

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 133]

   United Nations Office for Partnerships (A/70/202)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 135 (Programme planning (A/70/16 (Chaps. I, II.A (relevant parts), II.B, III and IV), A/70/72 and A/70/80 (Chap. II)))

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 138 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/70/11 and A/70/69))

[Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting. Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Limited Budgetary Discretion
2. Executive meeting

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014)

11:30 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Briefing by the Panel of Experts on finance and international humanitarian law issues
2. Other matters

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea

15:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Presentation of final reports on Somalia and Eritrea by the Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group (SEMG) in accordance with paragraph 47 of Security Council resolution 2182 (2014)
2. Exchange of views with the delegation of Somalia
3. Exchange of views with the delegation of Eritrea
4. Discussion of the tables of recommendations contained in the Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group's final reports
5. Other matters

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Friday, 9 October 2015

First Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" (under agenda item 88 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Germany and Romania)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 4.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in Mine Action" (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

Third Committee

Meeting of co-sponsors on draft resolution entitled "Cooperatives in Social Development" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

From 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Integrating volunteering into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade and beyond" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Brazil and Japan)

From 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room C.

Other meetings

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Friday, 9 October 2015

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (briefing)

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Friday, 9 October 2015

Briefing on "The Outcome of the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and a Roadmap to 2020" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Qatar and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Anne Beckmann, UNODC (e-mail beckmann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 9 October 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Tuesday, 13 October 2015, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 76 (Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/218)); agenda item 77 (Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/226)) and agenda item 128 (International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/225)). Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Meriem Heddache, e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 13 October 2015, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 12 October 2015

General Assembly
Seventieth session

10:00 29th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/388)) [item 114 (i)]
2. Strengthening of the United Nations system (report of the Secretary-General (A/70/357) and document A/70/95)) [item 122]

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251), see document A/70/252 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; with a copy to heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

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Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly will conduct the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session, in the *fall of 2015*. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 12 October 2015, at 11:15, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 12 October 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the seventieth session (General Assembly decision 69/529 of 10 December 2014), as well as background information on the Sixth Committee and links to official documentation to be considered at the seventieth session, is available on the Committee's website (*click here*).

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). *Please note* that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda item 108 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), agenda item 85 (Rule of law at the national and international levels) and agenda item 80 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Delegations are invited to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Representatives of member States and observer States may register for access to the Unite Connections community of the Sixth Committee for the seventieth session, through the online form available on the website of the Sixth Committee.

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of the delivery to papersmart6@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the Sixth Committee PaperSmart portal only when read out by the delegation.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

Fiftieth session

The fiftieth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of

International Law will hold a closed meeting on Tuesday, 13 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

The membership of the Committee is as follows: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination
High-level Committee on Programmes
Thirtieth session

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) will hold its thirtieth session (closed) on Monday, 12 October 2015, from 09:30 to 17:30 and on Tuesday, 13 October 2015, from 09:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room 11.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

First Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction" (under agenda item 104) (convened by the delegation of Hungary)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects" (under agenda item 101) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Tuesday, 13 October 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations" (under agenda item 97 bb) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 14 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in Mine Action" (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "University for Peace" (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (under agenda item 52) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Tuesday, 13 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperatives in Social Development" (under agenda item28) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other meetings

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OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6.

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9.

African Group (on Third Committee matters)

Tuesday, 13 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 15 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

Wednesday, 14 October 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room 9.

Forthcoming other activities

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High-level event on "Role of African Regional and Sub-regional Organizations in Achieving Regional Integration: the Continental Free Trade Area within the context of the First 10-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 09:30 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here.*]

Event on "The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in the United Nations System" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Australia, Chile, Germany, Ghana and Morocco)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katharina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-s2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0440).]

Annual high-level briefing on "Silencing the Guns in Africa: the Nexus between Peace, Security" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Africa's Regional Economic Communities)

Monday, 12 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and United Nations system entities are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here.*]

Panel discussion on "Protecting children from bullying" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC))

Tuesday, 13 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mánus de Barra, SRSG-VAC (e-mail debarra@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6130).]

Briefing on "Agenda 2063 and its First 10-year Implementation Plan and the United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA)" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Tuesday, 13 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

[Members of the Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here*.]

Briefing on "Building a Path Forward: Update on the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification" (co-organized by the United States Mission and the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) (First Committee experts))

Wednesday, 14 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. John Bravaco, United States Mission (e-mail bravacjo@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4116).]

Event on "Preparing for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016): Examining complex drug policy issues" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the International Drug Policy Consortium)

Wednesday, 14 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail simone.eymann@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (212) 286-1540; ext. 1144).]

High-level event on "African Continental Framework on Youth Development: Mainstream into Agenda 2063" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD))

Wednesday, 14 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here*.]

Annual briefing on two reports of the Secretary-General entitled *Progress on the Implementation of NEPAD*; and *Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa* (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union)

Thursday, 15 October 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions and the United Nations system entities are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here*.]

Interactive dialogue on "Ensuring the Empowerment of Rural Women through the Sustainable Development Goals" (on the occasion of the International Day of Rural Women) (co-organized by the he Permanent Missions of Canada, Mongolia and Norway, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP))

Thursday, 15 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Travis Renz, IFAD (e-mail t.renz@ifad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3061); and Ms. Carla Kraft, UN-Women (e-mail carla.kraft@unwomen.org); or lon-registry@un.org.]

Panel discussion on "Advancing Women, Peace and Security at Home: How Member States Can Take the Lead" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand and the International Peace Institute (IPI))

Thursday, 15 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Nawin Chirapant, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail nawinchi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext.128).]

Meeting on "The Role of the United Nations Business Operations in a Post-2015 World" (co-organized by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) and the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM))

Thursday, 15 October 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Luigi Demunnik, UNDG/DOCO (e-mail luigi.demunnik@undg.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6981).]

High-level panel discussion on "Safeguarding the rights of girls in the criminal justice system" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Chile and Thailand, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (OSRSG-VAC) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Friday, 16 October 2015, from 08:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sanna Käki, OSRSG-VAC (e-mail kaki@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6131).]

Event on "Social Policies in the Dominican Republic" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic)

Friday, 16 October 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Luz Andujar, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic (e-mail luzandujar@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 867-0833).]

High-level briefing on the "United States nuclear posture" (organized by the United States Mission (First Committee experts))

Friday, 16 October 2015, from 10:15 to 11:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. John Bravaco, United States Mission (e-mail bravacjo@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4116).]

Event on "Social Protection and Agriculture: Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty" (on the occasion of the World Food Day) (co-organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Program (WFP), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Friday, 16 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ruth-Anne Seburn, FAO Liaison Office in New York (e-mail lon-registry@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6036).]

Panel discussion on "What can practically be done to put an end to femicide?" (co-organized by the Academic Council on the United Nations System, the Thailand Institute of Justice, the Austrian Ministry of Justice and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Friday, 16 October 2015, from 13:15 to 15:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact UNODC (tel. 1 (212) 963-5631); or Mr. Michael Platzer (e-mail michaelkplatzer@yahoo.com).]

Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2015 (on the theme "Building a sustainable future: coming together to end poverty and discrimination" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Burkina Faso and France, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the International Movement ATD Fourth World and the NGO Committee for Social Development)

Friday, 16 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Ainbinder, DESA (e-mail ainbinder@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4607); or *click here*.]

Event on "Building inclusive and peaceful societies through women's participation and leadership: Good practices from the field" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Friday, 16 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Roisin Burke, Permanent Mission of Ireland (e-mail roisin.rurke@dfa.ie); to register, please send an e-mail to arlene.lara@dfa.ie.]

Briefing on "From Space Debris to Space Governance: Space Security Index 2015" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada and Project Ploughshares)

Wednesday, 21 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Simon Collard-Wexler, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail simon.collard-wexler@international.gc.ca); or Ms. Anna Jaikaran, Project Ploughshares (e-mail ajaikaran@ploughshares.ca).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Eleventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva
(19-23 October 2015)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2015/214 of 9 June 2015, the eleventh session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held from Monday, 19, to Friday, 23 October 2015, at the *United Nations Office at* Geneva, Switzerland.

Background materials, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the Financing for Development Website *(click here)*.

For further information, please contact the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Michael Lennard (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *October 2015*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English, French, Spanish)

Treaty Research (English)

United Nations Regular Budget Documentation (English)

General Assembly Documentation (English, French)

Security Council Documentation (English)

Finding Speeches (English)

Voting Information (English)

Introduction to Library Services (English)

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 16 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 30 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 8 October 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7530th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2015/667)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Sandra Honoré, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Honoré.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, France, China, Angola, Jordan, the United States, Nigeria, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Chad, Lithuania and Malaysia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Spain.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Guatemala and Brazil.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Colombia, Uruguay (speaking on behalf of the Group of Friends of Haiti), Peru, Canada, Mexico, Argentina and Jamaica (speaking on behalf of the fourteen Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)).

Ms. Honoré made further remarks.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

First Committee

[archived video]

2nd meeting

The Chair made a statement.

The Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (items 88 to 105).

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Myanmar (on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic Countries), Oman (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), South Africa (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), the European Union, Mexico and Switzerland.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

[archived video]

2nd meeting

Agenda items 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63

General debate

The Chair made a statement.

A statement introducing the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/70/23) was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, in his capacity of Rapporteur of the Special Committee.

The representative of the Republic of Indonesia made a statement, in his capacity as Acting Chair of the Special Committee.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and in its national capacity), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non Aligned movement (NAM)), Paraguay (on behalf of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)), Uruguay (on behalf of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) and in its national capacity), Argentina, China, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Chile.

Request for hearings

The Committee decided to hear the petitioners on the questions of Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (A/C.4/70/2), French Polynesia (A/C.4/70/3), Gibraltar (A/C.4/70/4), Guam (A/C.4/70/5) and New Caledonia (A/C.4/70/6) at its meetings on 9, 12 and 13 October.

Regarding the hearing of the petitioners on the question of Western Sahara (A/C.4/70/7) the representatives of Algeria, Morocco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Senegal made statements.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Chair decided to defer the consideration of the request for hearings on the question of Western Sahara (A/C.4/70/7) to the following day so that he can further consult on the matter.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Morocco and Argentina.

A point of order was raised by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Chair made a statement.

The Chair reminded delegations that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under decolonization items was set for 18:00, on Friday, 9 October.

Second Committee

[archived video]

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, Malaysia, Singapore, Senegal, Ethiopia, New Zealand, the Sudan, Australia, Nigeria, the Dominican Republic, Libya, Mongolia, China, Kenya, Argentina, Cuba, Israel, Botswana, Japan, Chile, Viet Nam, Yemen, India and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair (Slovenia).

5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Paraguay, Thailand, Cameroon, Canada, Honduras, Guinea, Afghanistan, Costa Rica, the United Arab Emirates, Rwanda, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Nepal, Zimbabwe, Jordan, Montenegro, Kuwait, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Bhutan, the Philippines, Liberia, Armenia and Serbia.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

Right of reply

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Paraguay).

Third Committee

[archived video]

5th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 106]

International drug control [item 107]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.3/70/L.2, A/C.3/70/L.3, A/C.3/70/L.4, A/C.3/70/L.5, A/C.3/70/L.6 and A/C.3/70/L.7 recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly. The Committee was informed that action on these draft resolutions would be taken at a later date.

The Committee began its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Singapore (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Independent States), Egypt, Colombia, Morocco, Qatar, Israel, Mexico, Peru, Italy, Singapore, the United States, Liechtenstein, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Thailand, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Kenya, Guatemala, Belarus, Iraq and Turkey.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) also made a statement.

6th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 106]

International drug control [item 107]

The Committee continued its general discussion of items 106 and 107 and heard statements by the representatives of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), India, Brazil, Iran, Pakistan, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, China, Eritrea, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Tajikistan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Sri Lanka, Senegal, the Maldives, Nigeria, the Philippines, Oman, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Cameroon, Costa Rica and Uruguay.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Guyana) made a statement.

Fifth Committee

[archived video]

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Chair, His Excellency Durga Prasad Bhattarai (Nepal), declared open the first meeting of the Fifth Committee of the seventieth session of the General Assembly and made a statement.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the election of Vice-Chairs (Mr. Bachar Bong Abdallah (Chad), Mr. Omar Castañeda Solares (Guatemala), Mr. Yotam Goren (Israel)); and Rapporteur (Mr. Gert Auväärt (Estonia)).

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 18 September 2015 from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/70/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda by the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee.

The Chair further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventieth session of the General Assembly (A/C.5/70/L.1), to the proposed programme of work submitted by the Bureau for the main part of the session and to a number of briefings that would be provided by the Secretariat.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), the European Union (also on behalf the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Japan, the United States, China, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Guatemala.

The Committee then approved the programme of work on the understanding that it would be reviewed and adjusted by the Bureau, as necessary, reflecting progress made during the course of the session.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to set Friday, 23 October 2015 as the deadline for the submission of candidatures and regional group endorsements to the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 114 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments); and sub-items (a), (b), (c) and (d) and Friday, 6 November 2015 as the date for the elections.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [item 138]

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations [item 147]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Chair of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Bernardo Greiver, introduced the report of that Committee (A/70/11).

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans (A/70/69) and on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/235 and 55/236 (A/70/331).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Singapore (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), Qatar (on behalf of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Japan, China and Algeria.

The Chair informed the Committee that the conclusion of the general discussion would be held on Friday, 9 October.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the item and in particular on Chapter V (application of Article 19 of the Charter) of A/70/11 would begin on that day, Thursday, 8 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting and would be coordinated by Mr. Peter Stone (Australia).

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly (Denmark) in his capacity as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Deputy Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of the European Union, Sweden, Italy, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, the United States, Jordan, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Kuwait, the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Belgium, Japan, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Korea.

The observer of the Observer State of Palestine made a statement.

The Deputy Commissioner-General made closing remarks.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 6 October 2015

Economic and Social Council

Twentieth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Jeju Island, Republic of Korea (6-9 October 2015)

2nd meeting

Report of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific [item 5] *(continued)*

Mr. Sanghoon Lee (Republic of Korea), speaking on behalf of Mr. Peyman Baktash (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chair of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific Working Group 2, made a statement.

Ms. Jiang Jie (China), Chair of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific Working Group 3, made a statement.

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of India and Brunei Darussalam.

Reports on the implementation of resolutions adopted at the 19th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific [item 6]

Mr. Toru Nagayama (Japan), made an introductory statement.

Conference Papers [item 7]

Invited papers on achievements and developments in geospatial information management in addressing national, regional and global issues [item 7 (b)]

Geospatial Information for the Global Development Agenda

Mr. Greg Scott of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Secretariat, presented a paper on "Integrating Geospatial Information into the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

Mr. Donovan Storey, Chief of the Sustainable Urban Development Section at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, presented a paper on "Regional Urban Transformations: Land and the New Urban Agenda".

Comments were made and questions raised by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Hiroshi Murakami, Director-General of Planning Department at the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan, and President of the Conference, presented a paper on Global "Geospatial Information for the Global Development Agenda – National Perspective: Japan's View".

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of China and the Republic of Korea.

Ms. Monica Aguayo Gonzalez, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas and Mexico, presented a paper on "Regional perspectives".

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Japan and China.

Wednesday, 7 October 2015

Economic and Social Council

Twentieth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Jeju Island, Republic of Korea (6-9 October 2015)

3rd meeting

Conference papers [item 7]

Invited papers on achievements and developments in geospatial information management in addressing national, regional and global issues [item 7 (b)]

Geodetic Reference Frame

Mr. John Dawson, Section Leader Geodesy at the Geoscience Australia, presented a paper on "Geodetic Reference Frame: Australia" (document E/CONF.104/IP.6).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of China, Japan, India and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Secretariat made a statement.

Mr. Gary Johnston, Branch Head at the Geodesy and Seismic Monitoring, Geoscience in Australia, presented a paper on "The Global Geodetic Reference Frame: An International Association of Geodesy Perspective" (document E/CONF.104/IP.7).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of China, India, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Mr. David Chang, Surveyor General at the Ministry for Lands and Mineral Resources in Fiji, presented a paper on "Modernization of Fiji's Geodetic Datum" (document E/CONF.104/IP.8).

Ms. Enkhtuya Sodnom, Head of the Geodesy and Cartography Department at the Administration of Land Affairs, Geodesy and Cartography of Mongolia, presented a paper on the "Mongolian Geodetic Reference System" (document E/CONF.104/IP.9).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representative of Japan.

Mr. Basara Miyahara, Director of the Physical Geodesy Division at the Geodetic Department of the Geospatial Authority in Japan, presented a paper on the "Geodetic reference frame of Asia and the Pacific assimilating VLBI observation" (document E/CONF.104/IP.10).

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

Mr. Azahari Mohamed of the Department of Survey and Mapping in Malaysia, presented a paper on "The revision of Geocentric Datum of Malaysia 2000" (document E/CONF.104/IP.11).

Disaster Risk Management

Mr. Toru Nagayama, Executive Officer for Research Planning of the Planning Department of the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan, presented a paper on "Counter measures against disasters in Japan and promotion of approaches for disaster risk reduction in each member country of the UN-GGIM-AP" (document E/CONF.104/IP.12).

Mr. Tae Hyung Kim, Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, presented a paper on "Regional cooperation on space technology applications for DRR and SD" (document E/CONF.104/IP.13).

Comments were made and questions were raised by the representatives of China, Japan and Brunei Darussalam.

The representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Secretariat made a statement.

Mr. Priyadi Kardono, Head of the Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) in Indonesia, presented a paper on "Geospatial Information for Disaster Risk Reduction: Indonesia Plan for 2015-2019" (document E/CONF.104/IP.14).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representative of Bangladesh.

4th meeting

Conference papers [item 7]

Invited papers on achievements and developments in geospatial information management in addressing national, regional and global issues [item 7 (b)]

Disaster Risk Management (continued)

Mr. Ruel Belen, Director of the Mapping and Geodesy Branch of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority in the Philippines, presented a paper on "Mapping of the Typhoon Haiyan Affected Areas in the Philippines Using Geospatial and Very High Resolution Satellite Images" (document E/CONF.104/IP.15).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Japan, India and the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Robert Deakin, Chief Steward of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure of Land Information New Zealand, presented a paper on "Canterbury SDI: lessons learned from post-earthquake recovery" (document E/CONF.104/IP.16).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Viet Nam and the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Kyoung-Soo Eom, Chief of the United Nations Geospatial Information Section, presented a paper entitled "Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters" (document E/CONF.104/IP.17).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Japan, China and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Secretariat made a statement.

Regional SDI

Ms. Jiang Jie, Division Director of the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geospatial information of China, presented a paper on "Upgrade the Datasets in NSDI for Smarter Services – with the Cases of China" (document E/CONF.104/IP.18).

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of New Zealand and Japan.

Mr. Sangho Lee, Assistant Deputy Director of the National Geographic Information Institute of the Republic of Korea, presented a paper on "Renovation of the National Geospatial Dataset in the Republic of Korea" (document E/CONF.104/IP.19).

Ms. Bayarmaa Enkhtur, Head of the Geospatial Information and Technology Department of the Administration of Land Affairs, Geodesy and Cartography in Mongolia, presented a paper on "Mongolian NSDI development" (document E/CONF.104/IP.20).

The representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Secretariat made a statement.

Mr. Gary Johnston, Branch Head of Geodesy and Seismic Monitoring of Geoscience Australia, presented a paper on "The Australia New Zealand Foundation Spatial Data Framework: an SDI for the 21st Century" (document E/CONF.104/IP.21).

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Twentieth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Jeju Island, Republic of Korea (6-9 October 2015)

5th–6th meeting

The summary of the 5th and 6th meetings of the Twentieth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2015/195).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Ratification: Italy (8 October 2015)

Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. Doha, 8 December 2012

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Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013

Ratification: Togo (8 October 2015)

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